

Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, Grace Lillian Riser was born on November 21, 1913, to Axel and Emma Riser, one of three children, at their rural farm home near Athol, South Dakota; and,

Whereas, Birthdays commemorate the first day of our lives, and we celebrate the birthdays of those we love as we recognize the joys and sorrows we have shared, the strength we have gained from the obstacles and hardships we have conquered, and the small daily pleasures life offers; and,

Whereas, Grace's dream was to become a teacher, and after receiving her teaching certificate from Northern Normal and Industrial School in Aberdeen, South Dakota, at age 18 she began her teaching career in a country school, she continued to teach for several years; and,

Whereas, Grace was united in marriage to Milton Wik on June 14, 1935, and to this union three children were born, Richard, Robert, and Marilyn, who went on to procreate six grandchildren, and five great-grandchildren; and,

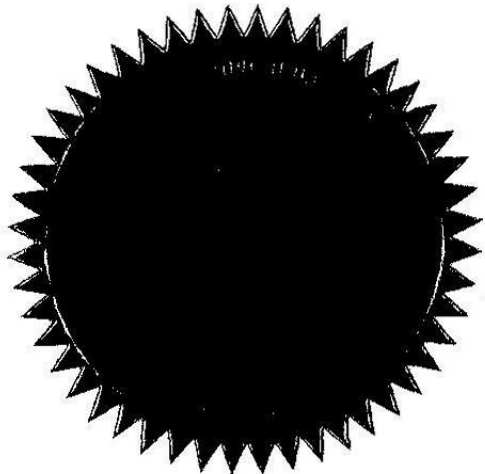
Whereas, Grace is active in Bible study, the Faulk County Retired Teachers Association, and her home is always open to family and friends; and,

Whereas, Grace will observe her 90th Birthday with all the good wishes, fanfare, and celebration such a milestone warrants, as her friends and relatives gather to honor her and celebrate her life and the camaraderie of the day; and it is fitting and proper for the Governor to make note of this milestone in the life of a woman who has lived an exemplary life for all to emulate:

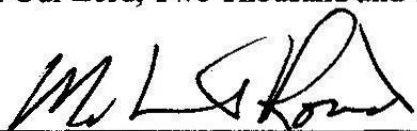
Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim November 21, 2003, as

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in South Dakota, and I join all her friends and relatives in wishing her a very happy birthday, good health, and great happiness.



In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourteenth Day of November in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Three.


M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:


Chris Nelson, Secretary of State